GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4331
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2003
UTILISATION OF WATER RESOURCES
ARUN KUMAR;RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce some new schemes to ensure optimum utilization of water resources for irrigation in the country, especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of irrigation capacity created and utilized during the last three years;

(d) the number of major and medium irrigation projects, under construction in the country at present, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed and the extent to which the irrigation capacity is likely to be increased after the completion of the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a)&(b) With a view to improve the efficacy of the ongoing Command Area Development Programme for optimal utilisation of created irrigation potential, the programme is proposed to be restructured and modified during the Tenth Plan period. Under the restructured Programme, three new components viz., (i) Correction of System deficiencies up to the distributaries; (ii) funds for motivational activities for Water Users' Association and (iii) renovation of minor irrigation tanks under the commands of major & medium irrigation projects are proposed to be introduced to bring about efficiency in water conveyance in distributaries upto 150 cusec capacity, minors and outlets; effective water management in farms through Participatory Irrigation Management Programme and added thrust on adaptive trials etc.

(c) As per provisional assessment by the Planning Commission, the irrigation capacity created and the capacity put to utilisation during the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) are 9.15 million hectare and 8.20 million hectare respectively.

(d) State-wise break-up of the number of major and medium irrigation projects under construction in the country at present is given at Annexure-1.

(e) Completion of projects by the respective State Governments depends on the financial allocations made by the States for the projects and the priority assigned to them. On completion of all the ongoing major and medium irrigation projects, additional irrigation potential of about 12.8 million hectare is likely to be created.

Annexure −1

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4331 TO BE ANSWERED TO IN LC SABHA ON 21-04-03

State-wise number of Major and Medium Irrigation Projects under construction during X Plan

No. of Projects

Name of State	Major	Medium	Total
Andhra Pradesh	14	12	26
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
Assam	4	5	9
Bihar	8	7	15
Jharkhand	7	22	29
Goa	1	-	1
Gujarat	3	18	21

Haryana	5	-	5
Himachal Pradesh	1	2	3
Jammu & Kashmir	-	7	7
Karnataka	15	17	32
Kerala	4	4	8
Madhya Pradesh	16	10	26
Chhattisgarh	3	7	10
Maharashtra	45	94	139
Manipur	2	2	4
Meghalaya	-	1	1
Mizoram	-	-	-
Nagaland	-	1	1
Orissa	10	4	14
Punjab	-	2	2
Rajasthan	5	4	9
Sikkim	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	1	2	3
Tripura	-	3	3
U.P	9	1	10
Uttaranchal	3	-	3
West Bengal	3	17	20
Total	159	242	401